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### Special Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 5:00 p.m.  
Commission Chambers, City Hall

## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 - October 15, 2006

### On-going: Art Exhibit

City Hall Fourth Floor Gallery

### Presentation of Hispanic Heritage Awards

October 11, City Hall Commission Chambers

### Festival

October 13  
North Shore Park and Youth Center

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## SATISFACTION WITH NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

### THE LOW DOWN ON NEW ZONING REGULATIONS

The City of Miami Beach takes pride in the character and preservation of its neighborhoods. However, recent new construction was resulting in out-of-scale development in comparison to the built character of the single-family neighborhoods. To encourage and promote new single-family home construction that is compatible with the established and prevailing character of the City's existing single-family neighborhoods, the City Commission amended single-family development regulations at their last meeting. The new legislation sets new construction criteria, restrictions and review processes such as maximum building height, lot coverage, roof-top projections, and setbacks. For more details on the changes, go to [miamibeachfl.gov](http://miamibeachfl.gov) or call the Planning Department at 305.673.7550.

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS



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**Answer Center**  
305.604.CITY (2489)

**Mayor/Commission**  
305.673.7030

**City Manager**  
305.673.7010

**Police (Non-Emergency)**  
305.673.7900

**Fire (Non-Emergency)**  
305.673.7120

**Parks & Recreation**  
305.673.7730

**Parking**  
305.673.PARK (7275)

**Job Hotline**  
305.673.7777

**Tourism Hotline**  
305.673.7400

**Sanitation/Garbage**  
305.673.7616

**Bulky Waste Pickup**  
305.471.4444

**Water & Sewer (24 hr)**  
305.673.7625

## Staying In Touch With Our Special Needs Residents

During an emergency, such as a hurricane, it can be especially frightening for the elderly and for those that require special living needs. The City of Miami Beach currently has 172 registered residents that require special needs during an emergency. Special needs residents are those who on a daily basis require skilled nursing care, assistance with daily living, or have life-saving medical equipment dependent on electricity.

In an effort to provide reassurance and a sense of security for Miami Beach special needs residents, the City of Miami Beach recently initiated a Telephone Reassurance Program. Special needs individuals are paired with a City of Miami Beach Answer Center "buddy" who is responsible for calling that individual monthly to check on their safety and well-being. The "buddy" is also that person's contact if they need assistance between calls.

The "special needs" resident and the "buddy" set a date and time each month that is convenient for both and ensures contact is made. If the "buddy" is unable

to reach the special needs or elderly person by telephone, the "buddy" will contact emergency medical services and/or a person designated by the elderly or special needs person. Additionally, if necessary, the City's "buddy" will make the appropriate referrals to the City's Office of Community Services.

"These services are usually provided by private companies for over \$25 per month. In an effort to better serve all of our diverse residents, this service is being offered for free," said Vivian Guzman, director, Neighborhood Services Department.

Remember the special needs of your family members this hurricane season. Infants, the elderly and persons with disabilities need a little more preparation to be ready for an emergency. If you know of a resident that requires special needs, please have them register with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program (EEAP) at 305.468.5900. For more information on the Telephone Reassurance Program, please call 305.604.CITY or [www.miamibeachfl.gov](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov).

## Fall Athletics Registration a Huge Success at the Recreation Expo

Battling the rays of the hot sun, over 500 people came to enjoy the fun, the BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, a bounce house, a rock-climbing wall, a bungee station, and a sumo-wrestling ring at the City's Recreation Expo held last month at North Shore Park and Youth Center.

The Recreation Expo gives parents and children a convenient means of registering for various Parks & Recreation athletic teams such as intramural soccer, flag football, volleyball, primer basketball clinics, and

the 3-on-3 basketball league. Registration continues at North Shore Park, Flamingo Park, and Scott Rakow Youth Center until teams are selected. The next Recreation Expo is scheduled to take place in late January 2007, and will provide a registration opportunity for the next season of athletic play.

For more information on the Parks & Recreation Department athletics programs, contact Edith Guerra at 305.861.3616.

